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WOMEN'S CLUB IN APPEAL TO BOARD FOR CLEAN TOWN

Worth While Club Members Say Much Criticism Resulted Last Year From Untidy Condition in City; Recommendations Are Made

The Women's Worth While Club calls attention to the fact that last year much criticism resulted from the fact that the streets and vacant lots of the town were allowed to remain dirty and calls attention to the need of making the town a "real garden spot."

Furthermore, the club women have prepared a resolution to be presented to the town board in which definite recommendations are made for cleaning up the town, including care on the part of residents in disposing of rubbish, and the placing of receptacles for paper, etc., along the street. The full text of the resolutions follows:

Last summer much criticism arose from tourists because of the untidy surroundings in the town of Boone. Time after time the remark was made by tourists, "Why doesn't this town clean up?" We need to make our lovely community into a real garden spot. Nature helps us if only we would help nature.

We, the members of the Worth While Club have drawn up the following resolutions to be presented to the mayor and the town board for adoption. We recommend:

1. That each business house in town refrain from allowing loose papers and boxes to be blown from the back doors to be blown to the street or into the neighbor's fence.
2. That neat looking trash cans be placed at convenient places along the streets for small loose rubbish.
3. That reminders be placed along the worst sections prohibiting papers, banana peelings and paper cups from being thrown along the streets.
4. That the streets be thoroughly cleaned early every Sunday morning.
5. That all garbage cans be removed from the front street. Cans can be kept in houses until the day of picking them up and then be placed for collection.
6. That every business house be required to furnish suitable containers so that trash can be carried off and not burned in town.
7. That insofar as possible auto burying grounds be removed or screened from the public eye.
8. That tin cans and rubbish not be thrown in our lovely clear mountain streams.
9. That the policeman make daily rounds to see that these things are carried out, and ask offenders to make improvements where improvements are necessary.

MRS. F. E. WARMAN,
President Worth While Club.
MRS. E. S. QUALLS,
President Home and Garden Club.
MISS ELIZABETH LORD,
MRS. B. W. STALLINGS,
MRS. W. G. HARTZOG,
Committee on Resolutions.

HARRY HAMILTON FAIR PRESIDENT

County Agent is Named to the Presidency of Watauga Fair Association

Harry M. Hamilton, Watauga county farm agent, has been named president of the Watauga County Fair Association by the directors of the organization; Ernest Hillard was elected as vice-president, but the matter of choosing a secretary was deferred until the directors could deliberate on a number of applications which had been placed for the position.

No further business was transacted at the directors' meeting other than a general discussion concerning the date for the fair, the probable list of premiums to be offered, etc.

W. F. BOWLES IS ASSISTANT TO LOCAL COUNTY AGENT

Mr. W. F. Bowles of Alexander county, who graduated from State College, Raleigh, this month, is in Boone and is serving in the capacity of assistant county agent until Mr. G. G. Farthing is able to return to his work.

Mr. Farthing, who has been absent from his office since the first of April, is showing a gradual improvement, and it is expected that he will be able to return within a few weeks.

Congressman 'Pickets the Pickets'



Representative Luther Patrick of Alabama, is shown at right, as he established his one-man counter-picket line in front of the White House in Washington. He was picketing the line established for some days by the American Peace Mobilization. To prove he could work while picketing, Patrick carried a bucket on one arm into which he peeled potatoes for his lunch.

Dr. Dougherty Again Occupies High Position In State School Commission

CITY SCHOOLS TO OPEN ON JUNE 24

Appalachian High and Elementary Schools Are to Start Summer Terms

The summer session of the Appalachian high school and elementary school will begin Tuesday, June 24. Students who expect to register are asked to be present at 8:30 on the opening day. The term will extend over a period of eight weeks and the schedule for each day will run from 8:00 to 12:30. Two school buses will operate daily, bringing in students who live in the Meat Camp and Poplar Grove sections.

Swimming classes will be offered to any who register in either school. However, none will be required to take swimming. These classes will be under the supervision of the college physical education department and will be held in the college pool. Other playground activities will also be under the direction of this department.

Students who register in the high school will be required to pay a fee of \$2.00. Students may receive credit for one year's work in any single subject, which amounts to one unit. Those who wish to obtain more than one unit's credit must be granted permission to do so. For every half unit's credit a student must meet one class period and one directed study hour each day in the subject in which he wishes to receive credit.

In the elementary school a fee of 50 cents will be charged for materials used by the students.

Teachers in the high school will include Mr. Frank Hamrick, principal; Miss Lois Allen, Mrs. Ed Rivers, Mr. Herbert Wey, Mr. Kelley Miles, Dr. Oliver Karraker. In the elementary school the faculty will be made up of Mr. John Howell, principal; Mr. Ed Rivers, assistant; Miss Marion Lisor, first grade; Miss Ruth Robinson, second grade; Miss Margaret Smith, third grade; Miss Martha Shaw, fourth grade; Miss Lavinia Knox, fifth grade; Mr. Bill Cole, sixth grade; Mr. Paul Rollins, seventh grade.

A large enrollment is expected in both schools, and all who attend are assured of a pleasant and profitable eight weeks.

Methodist Ministers Met Here Monday

The Methodist ministers of Ashe and Watauga counties met at the Boone Methodist church on Monday afternoon in a meeting called by the Rev. A. C. Gibbs, district superintendent of the Elkin district of the Methodist church. The purpose of the meeting was to check up on work being done thus far and to lay plans for the completion of the year's work.

Dr. L. B. Abernethy, missionary secretary of the Western North Carolina conference, and Rev. Herman F. Duncan, district missionary secretary and minister of the First Methodist church of Elkin, accompanied Rev. Mr. Gibbs to Boone and spoke relative to the missionary work of the church during the afternoon session.

Following the business meeting all present were served refreshments at the parsonage by Mrs. James B. McLarty.

Local Educator Heads Committee on Salaries; Has Held Position for Past Ten Years; His Group Apportions \$28,000,000 in School Funds

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers College, who was recently re-named to membership on the state school commission by Governor Broughton, was again honored on last Wednesday, when Lieutenant Governor Harris, who acts as chairman of the commission, re-appointed the Boone man chairman of the all-important committee on salaries.

This committee, which is perhaps the most important in educational administrative circles has as its responsibility the apportionment of \$28,000,000 to the various schools and counties of the state, in a manner so that there will be equality, and so that there shall be no deficit and no surplus funds at the close of the year.

To be considered in this connection is the matter of distributing funds for salaries of 16,000 white and 8,500 colored teachers, the salaries of city and county school superintendents, high school and elementary principals as well as classroom tutors. At the same time Dr. Dougherty's group must allocate the funds for transportation of the public school students, for the purchase of coal, oil and every expense incurred in the operation of the elementary school structure.

Dr. Dougherty, in accepting the chairmanship of the committee, is not entering upon new duties, but rather continuing the job which he has performed for the past ten years. The local educator has been a member of the state school body much longer than that, however; in fact, he was first named as a member of the old equalization board by Governor Angus W. McLean in 1927, the first year the state took over the operation of the public school system. Governor Gardner again appointed Dr. Dougherty to the equalization board and following the creation of the state school commission, as now obtains, the Boone man was again returned to his post by Governor Ehringhaus. Governor Clyde R. Hoey likewise retained Dr. Dougherty on the school commission and he was named for the fifth time by Governor Broughton a few days ago. He was first made chairman of the committee on salaries by Lieutenant Governor Sandy Graham.

It is generally understood that Dr. Dougherty during his long experience on the state school board has done less talking and made fewer motions than any member, but it is at the same time rumored that he has done more "figuring" than any of his colleagues.

It is conceded throughout the state that the present system of statewide education in North Carolina is largely his ideal—that the poorest counties in the state should have the same educational opportunities as the rich counties—all paid for by state funds.

The action of Governor Broughton in re-naming Dr. Dougherty to the school committee meets with the wholehearted approval of the people of the northwest as well as of the entire state of North Carolina.

The United States during 1939 imported 66,264,372 pounds of black pepper.

WATAUGA MAN SHOOTS WIFE AND TAKES OWN LIFE

Mrs. Laura Wheatley of Deep Gap, Shot by Husband Saturday, Succumbs in Lenoir Hospital

Lenoir, June 14.—Sam Wheatley, 51-year-old Watauga county WPA worker, shot and killed himself this afternoon with a double-barrel shotgun after wounding his wife with a shotgun blast on the back porch of the home of Mrs. Clarence Wilson, his daughter, in the Olivet section of Caldwell county, where Wheatley and his wife had been visiting since Wednesday.

Mrs. Wheatley, following the shooting, was taken to a Lenoir hospital, where attaches described her condition as serious late today, but expressed hopes for her recovery.

Stuart Wilson, 10-year-old grandson of Mr. Wheatley, said that Mrs. Wheatley, the Wheatley's two adopted grandchildren, Mary and Martha Wheatley, and he had been on the back porch of the home when Wheatley suddenly stalked from the kitchen onto the porch with a shotgun.

Wheatley, Wilson said, yelled, "Looka here!" Then, the boy said, Wheatley raised the gun toward his wife, standing but a few feet away, and fired. The blast of shot tore into Mrs. Wheatley's left breast.

Wheatley turned and went back into the kitchen, it was said. Young Wilson said he heard Wheatley fire the gun in the kitchen, then saw him stumble out of the kitchen onto the back porch and start for a tree-covered knoll about 100 yards from the house, blood dripping from a wound. He began to climb the hill. Suddenly, when he was half way to the top, he stopped, Wilson said.

He staggered into a clump of bushes on the side of the hill. Several minutes later a shot rang out. Persons who rushed to the scene found him lying among the stunted evergreen, his blue overalls covered with blood.

Sheriff J. F. Parlier, who investigated the shooting, said that Wheatley (Continued on page eight)

United Service Group Has Few Donations

The United Service Organization, headed by Mayor W. H. Gragg, which has as its object the raising of \$150 in Watauga county to go to a ten million dollar fund for providing social advantages, religious activities and entertainment among the soldiers, is receiving few subscriptions.

All those who desire to have a part in this very necessary and commendable activity are urged to leave their contributions with Rob Rivers, treasurer, at once.

Following is the status of the local fund as of today:

Previously reported	\$29.47
J. E. Clay	1.00
D. P. Coffey	1.00
St. Luke's Episcopal Church	5.00
Total	\$36.47

Seek Canned Goods For Orphans Home

Russell D. Hodges, orphanage director for the Three Forks Baptist Association, states that all those wanting to can fruits and vegetables for the Thomasville Orphanage this year should see him and secure the necessary jars in any quantity desired.

Under the plan followed for a number of years, Watauga county people supply fruits and vegetables in jars furnished by the orphanage and last year the value of the returned cans, together with potatoes and other edibles furnished, was about \$1,300. Of this amount there were 375 dozen jars of fruits and vegetables.

Any one desiring to fill some jars for the benefit of the orphan children is asked to see Mr. Hodges.

BURGESS GETS NEW ELECTRIC CONTRACTS

Mr. Melvin F. Burgess, local contractor, has signed contracts with the East Tennessee Light & Power Co., to build electric transmission lines in Greene and Carter counties, Tennessee.

Work is now going forward on the new lines, and Mr. Burgess states that most of the men employed on the project are from Watauga county.

Head Retailers



Russell D. Hodges, above, who was named president of the Boone Merchants Association at a meeting of the directors held last week, succeeding Clyde R. Greene, who has served the retail organization in that post for three terms. John Conway, below, was re-elected to the vice-presidency of the organization. Mrs. Ruby Ellis remains secretary of the organization.

PATTERSON ROAD WORK NEARS END

Expect to Complete Blowing Rock Highway Link By Early Fall

Lenoir, June 14.—The Lenoir-Patterson road, new connecting link with the Blowing Rock road which, according to present plans, would improve highway travel to Blowing Rock, should be completed sometime this fall—depending on good weather, the district highway engineer's office here said yesterday.

Crushed rock is now being placed on some parts of the new roadway.

The Lenoir-Patterson link will be about five miles long and is to take the place of the present road between the two points. The highway office said that the new road would be a great improvement over the road now being used.

"The new road will be practically straight. The present highway is out-of-date, crooked and narrow," it was said. The office said the link now under construction would eliminate dangerous curves. Grading on the new road has practically been completed.

Caudill Councillor Boone Junior Order

Jake V. Caudill was elected councillor of the local Junior Order organization at a meeting held Monday evening.

Other officers named included Howard Cottrell, vice-councillor; W. O. Robertson, vice-councillor; Russell D. Hodges, recording secretary; W. C. Greer, treasurer; W. T. Casey, Jr., conductor; Dee Shoemaker, warden; John W. Hodges, Jr., inside sentinel; Mack Greer, outside sentinel, and Robin Hood, chaplain.

The only other business to come before the meeting was that of the discussion of plans for a picnic of the Juniors in the county and their friends and a committee was named to work out the time, place and other details for the outing. Those named on the committee are: Dallas Shoemaker, B. K. Osborne, W. T. Casey, Jr., W. O. Robertson and J. V. Caudill.

Since July, 1940, the United States has built approximately 7,000 military planes.

REGISTRATION OF MEN FOR MILITARY SERVICE ON JULY 1

All Those Reaching Their Majority Since October 16, 1940, Must Register Under Terms of the Selective Service Act

Every man in the state of North Carolina who has attained the 21st anniversary of the day of his birth since October 16, 1940 (with a few exceptions noted below), must register on July 1, says the local selective service board.

Men required to register in this second registration are those who were born on or before October 17, 1919, and July 1, 1920, and registration will begin at 7 a. m. and last until 9 p. m.

Aliens, as well as American citizens, who become 21 years of age before midnight July 1, 1941, must register. State Director J. Van B. Metts emphasizes. He also pointed out that aliens between the ages of 21 and 36 years, who have come to the United States since the first registration on October 16, 1940, and have not yet registered, must register on July 1.

Special arrangements will be made by local boards to register men who cannot appear before the local board because of illness or incapacity. Men subject to registration who are inmates of asylums, jails, penitentiaries or other similar institutions on July 1 will be registered by the warden on the day they leave the institution.

Men subject to registration on July 1 who are away from home and cannot, except at great expense and inconvenience, return to their own local boards to register, may appear before the nearest local board and will be registered there. Such men should be cautioned, however, to give their permanent addresses when registering. General Metts said.

Men who are required to register on July 1 and fail to do so will subject themselves to severe penalties, including imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both fine and imprisonment.

The only men within the age limits who are not required to register are the following:

Commissioned officers, warrant officers, pay clerks and enlisted men of the regular army, the navy, marine corps, coast guard, coast and geodetic survey, public health service, federally recognized active national guard, officers' reserve corps, regular army reserve, enlisted reserve corps, naval reserve and marine corps reserve; cadets, United States Military Academy; midshipmen, United States Naval Academy; cadets, United States Coast Guard Academy; men who have been accepted for admittance (commencing

ELEVEN GO TO FORT BRAGG ON JUNE 26

Fourteenth Group of Watauga Boys Leave for Military Cantonment

Eleven Watauga county men will leave Boone at 8:15 a. m. on June 26 for induction into the army under the terms of the selective service act, and shall be sent immediately by the local board to Fort Bragg, N. C. This is the fourteenth call for Watauga men, and includes order No. 915.

Those going on the 26th are: Wilmer Marshall Trivett, Zionsville; Ronda Garland Hampton, Blowing Rock; Frank Linney Roark, Vilas; Buster Wilson, Sugar Grove; James Luther Penley, Zionsville; Levern Smith Fox, Boone; Turner Harold Gross, Boone; James Wilson Beach, Boone; Thomas Wellington Trivette, Todd; Sylvester Loudermelt, Blowing Rock; Bynum Bruce Dancy, Zionsville.

Drought Is Broken By Copious Showers

The dry weather which had prevailed throughout this section for many weeks and which had seriously threatened farm crops, came in for a change last Thursday and Friday when hard rains fell throughout the county.

Farm crops were suffering for lack of rain when the showers came, meadows were far behind and livestock was finding difficulty in surviving on the parched pastures.